

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A mobile communication device comprising:
a main body including a ~~liquid-crystal~~ display and guide holes having a closed back face, an open front face and first and second open ends, the guide holes formed at both sides of, and facing the open front face outwardly from the ~~liquid-crystal~~ display;
a slide cover which includes a speaker and is slidable over a front surface of the ~~liquid-crystal~~ display in a longitudinal direction with respect to the main body;
a pop-up module connected to the slide cover and inserted into the open front face of the guide holes for sliding the slide cover over the front surface of the ~~liquid-crystal~~ display;
and
a side grip provided at a side surface of the main body so as to fix a position of the pop-up module.

2. (Currently Amended) The mobile communication device as set forth in claim 1, wherein guide grooves are formed at both sides of the ~~liquid-crystal~~ display in the longitudinal direction to guide the slide cover.

3. (Currently Amended) The mobile communication device as set forth in claim 1, wherein the ~~liquid-crystal~~ display serves as a main ~~liquid-crystal~~ display when the slide cover is slid away from the main body during use of the mobile communication device to expose the entire ~~liquid-crystal~~ display, and serves as a sub-~~liquid-crystal~~ display when the slide cover is slid towards the main body during nonuse of the mobile communication device so as to partially expose the ~~liquid-crystal~~ display.

4. (Currently Amended) The mobile communication device as set forth in claim 1, wherein the slide cover is slid away from the main body during use of the mobile communication device to expose the entire ~~liquid-crystal~~ display, and is slid towards the main body during nonuse of the mobile communication device to partially expose the ~~liquid-crystal~~ display.

5. (Original) The mobile communication device as set forth in claim 1, wherein the pop-up module includes:

- a head section connected to the slide cover;
- at least one bar installed at an end of the head section and inserted into the corresponding guide holes; and
- a compression spring installed within the bar for providing elastic force as the bar is slid towards or away from the main body.

6. (Original) The mobile communication device as set forth in claim 5, wherein the head section includes a connection plate for connecting the at least one bar to an other bar.

7. (Original) The mobile communication device as set forth in claim 5, wherein a flexible circuit is installed within an other bar, the coiled compression spring is installed within the at least one bar, and a locking groove is formed in a lower end of the at least one bar.

8. (Original) The mobile communication device as set forth in claim 1, wherein the side grip includes:

- a locking plate for locking to and unlocking from a locking groove of the pop-up module;
- a one-touch button installed on an external surface of the side grip, wherein pressing of the one-touch button allows rotation of the locking plate, thus separating the locking plate from the locking groove; and
- a locker unit installed at a designated position of the external surface of the side grip to maintain a locked state of the locking plate.

9. (Original) The mobile communication device as set forth in claim 8, wherein an upper end of the locking plate contacts the one-touch button, and a lower end of the locking plate is provided with a protrusion for inserting into the locking groove.

10. (Previously Presented) The mobile communication device as set forth in claim 9, wherein the protrusion includes an incline plane serving to guide the locking plate into the locking groove.

11. (Original) The mobile communication device as set forth in claim 9, wherein a plate spring is installed on a rear surface of the protrusion of the locking plate, and provides an elastic force to the protrusion so as to rotate the locking plate.

12. (Original) The mobile communication device as set forth in claim 8, wherein a hinge unit is installed in a central portion of the locking plate to facilitate rotation of the locking plate.

13. (Original) The mobile communication device as set forth in claim 8, wherein the locker unit includes:

a sliding button protruding from the external surface of the side grip, and slidable by an external force; and

a locking section installed within the side grip and integral with the sliding button, wherein the locking section moves together with the sliding motion of the sliding button so as to fix or to release the locking plate.

14. (Original) The mobile communication device as set forth in claim 13, further comprising:

a contacting protrusion installed at an upper end of the locking section, for contacting and fixing the locking plate according to the sliding motion of the locking section; and

a stopper installed at a lower end of the locking section so as to fix the position of the locking section.

15. (Original) The mobile communication device as set forth in claim 14, wherein the stopper includes:

a stopping protrusion connected to the locking section; and
at least one recess installed in a designated location of an inner wall of the side grip, and serving

to accommodate the stopping protrusion so as to fix the position of the locking section.